



Transition Planning Commission

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Transition Planning Commission Hosts Listening Sessions

Eleven more listening sessions will be held in the coming weeks throughout Memphis and Shelby County to get the viewpoints of citizens about Shelby County's new public school system. The sessions are being coordinated by the Transition Planning Commission for schools. Here are the dates, locations and times:

Monday, January 30th, 7pm
Arlington High Auditorium
5485 Airline Road, Arlington

Monday, January 30th, 6pm
Bellevue Baptist Church
2000 Appling Road, Memphis

Thursday, February 2nd, 7:30pm
Church of the Holy Spirit
2300 Hickory Crest Drive, Memphis

Monday, February 6th, 6pm
New Direction Christian Church
6120 Winchester Road, Memphis

Tuesday, February 7th, 7pm
Millington High Auditorium
8050 West Street, Millington

Tuesday, February 7th, 6 pm
Westwood High School
4480 Westmont Road, Memphis

Monday, February 13th, 6pm
Frayser High School
1530 Dellwood Avenue, Memphis

Monday, February 13th, 7pm
Bartlett High Auditorium
5688 Woodlawn Street, Memphis

Tuesday, February 14th, 6pm
Kingsbury High School
1270 N. Graham Street, Memphis

Monday, February 20th, 6pm
Colonial Middle School
1370 Colonial Road, Memphis

Monday, February 27th, 6pm
Hamilton High School
1363 E Person Ave, Memphis

"It's vital we hear directly from citizens throughout Shelby County. Their hopes and fears will help guide our discussions for the school merger plan," said Commission Chair, Dr. Barbara Prescott.

The 21-member Transition Planning Commission was mandated by the State of Tennessee last October after an election called for the merger of the Memphis City and Shelby County public school systems.

The commission will take an in-depth look at several aspects of how the new merged school system will operate:

- Administrative Structure and Governance
 - Education Services and Curriculum
 - Personnel and Pension Issues for Teachers and Non-Teaching Staff
 - Essential Services-Transportation, Security, Nutrition and Information Technology
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The Transition Planning Commission's final report will be submitted to the Tennessee Department of Education by late summer of 2012. It will then be accepted, amended or revised next fall by the 23-member Shelby County School Board.

The new school system will begin joint operations starting with the 2013-2014 school year. To learn more about Transition Planning Commission and its progress, go to www.shelbycountyttn.gov and click on "Transition Planning Commission."

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